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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of Directors of Training from Foreign Affairs Agencies

1. On 13 February I represented the Director of Training at a meeting of the Directors of Training of agencies concerned with foreign affairs. Dr. Howard Sollenberger, Director, FSI, convened the conference, the first of its kind in about a year. Others present were:

Daniel Cheedon - Chief, Manpower Development Division, AID
Charles McGinley - Chief, Training Division, USIA
Barrington King, Jr. - Chief, Training & Liaison Staff, State
Donald C. Bergus, - Deputy Director for Academic Affairs, State
Robert Lindquist - Assistant Director for Management, State

Dr. Sollenberger reviewed briefly some of the problems confronting FSI and his plans for expanding some of the more beneficial training programs. Among his comments of interest to the Agency were the following:

a. Economics Course - This 26-week course is now offered semiannually with classes beginning in January and July each year. FSI proposes to add a third running to begin in the fall of each year. However, the addition of an extra course requires firm commitments from USIA, AID and CIA to provide a total of 25 students per year to the three courses. (ACTION: C/RG/SRS)

b. Language Training - Dr. Sollenberger noted that language training programs at foreign posts have been decreasing significantly. He also observed that rising costs of State's three foreign language schools (Chinese, Japanese and Arabic) were causing difficulties in planning resource allocations. He specifically mentioned CIA had recently had very few students for the Japanese language school. (ACTION: C/LLC - To determine what impact, if any, FSI's problems will have on the Agency.)

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c. Management Programs - FSI has two management programs of the behavioral type. One is exclusively for Deputy Chiefs of Mission and the other is for FSOs 3, 4 and 5. The latter program is called "Executive Studies." Both of these programs are done on contract with a firm from Boston (I do not remember the name, but can get it from Dr. Sollenberger if there is any interest). FSI is very pleased with these management courses and encouraged AID and USIA to take advantage of them. I am sure we could participate in the executive studies course should there be any interest. (INFO: C/FTD)

d. Area Studies - FSI is running into financial problems with the two-week area studies programs. Dr. Sollenberger stated that the other three agencies represented probably would have to subscribe ahead of time to a certain minimum number of students to attend area studies in order to guarantee the continuation of the program. No specific numbers were mentioned. (ACTION: C/LLC)

2. As requested by the DTR, I mentioned briefly to Dr. Sollenberger the Agency's willingness, indeed desire, to provide additional briefing and orientation to all grades of FSOs about Agency field activities. We reviewed briefly the present participation of the Agency in FSI courses and I proposed that we could periodically have one-day orientation programs at our Headquarters building. Dr. Sollenberger was mildly appreciative of the offer and suggested that it would be more enthusiastically accepted by having it in our Headquarters building. No commitments were made by either of us but the matter has now been surfaced and should be followed up in a couple of weeks by either the DTR or myself.

3. The consensus of the conferees was that these informal discussions should be held on a quarterly basis. Since I had mentioned our new Information Science Training Program, which Dr. Sollenberger had already heard about, he asked if we would host the next meeting and provide a briefing on the ISTP. I agreed on behalf of the DTR and suggested we could do this about mid-April. (Comment: C/FTD should plan for this future briefing and should confirm to me by mid-March that the mid-April timing is acceptable.)

Deputy Director of Training

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